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SUBJECT:PRE-UNGA CONSULTATION AT NATO

REF: (A) USNATO 3683, (B) STATE 159500

1. IN LIGHT OF ALLIED REACTIONS REF A, WE ARE
RESERVING JUDGMENT ON QUESTION AND LEVEL OF WASHINGTON
PARTICIPATION PENDING FURTHER INDICATION OF DEGREE OF
ALLIED INTEREST. FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE
AMOUNT OF CONSULTATION BILATERALLY AND IN OECD ON 7TH
SPECIAL SESSION AND SOME NATO ALLIES NOT VERY FAR ALONG
ON THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR 30TH GA MAY BE SOURCE OF LIMITED
ENTHUSIASM FOR HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS REFLECTED IN
REFTEL. WE DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE FORCING HIGH LEVEL
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EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON UNGA ISSUES ON RELUCTANT ALLIES.

HOWEVER, IF NATO MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY SMALLER MEMBERS WITH WHICH WE ARE LESS APT TO HAVE BILATERAL TALKS, ARE INTERESTED IN SENDING RESPONSIBLE MFA UN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS, WE WILL CONSIDER SENDING AN APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AT SUCH TIME AS MAY BE CONVENIENT.

2. IF ALLIES SHOULD, DESPITE INDICATIONS IN REFTEL, APPEAR TO FAVOR HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGE BUT ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON JULY 23 DATE OR THERE IS GENERAL FEELING THAT JULY TOO EARLY FOR USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT IT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR SENIOR US OFFICIAL TO COME AT LATER DATE BECAUSE OF IMPACT AT 7TH SS. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT WOULD ATTEMPT SEND APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO BACK UP AMBASSADOR AT A POSSIBLE LATER MEETING OR PROVIDE SUITABLE STATEMENT OF US POSITIONS.

3. WHILE CONTINUING TO PREFER NAC MEETING WE COULD ACCEPT POLADS FORUM FOR JULY 23 MEETING, ESPECIALLY IF LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION ANTICIPATED APPEARS UNCHANGED FROM THAT INDICATED IN REFTEL.

4. WITH REGARD TO 7TH SS, YOU SHOULD TELL CONCERNED DELS THAT WHILE IT NEED NOT BE ON ANY FORMAL AGENDA, ANYONE WHO WISHES TO DO SO SHOULD NOT BE BARRED FROM BRINGING UP THE SUBJECT. INGERSOLL

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